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Claim 13 is listed as “amended”, which is not one of the seven acceptable claim identifiers. Claim 13 should be listed only as “currently amended”. Applicants are also reminded that this is the third such occasion in which an amendment has been submitted that is not in compliance with the above rule, and for the same reason. In the event a fourth such non-compliant amendment is submitted, it would be reasonable to hold such a response *non bona-fide*. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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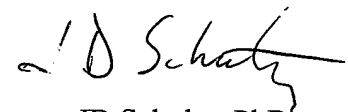
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